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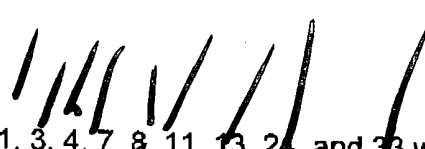
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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

  
Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 24, and 33 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 5, 23, 32 and 45 as follows:

*p1* 5. An expression cassette comprising a nucleotide sequence of claim 77,  
wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter that drives  
expression in a plant.

*22* 23. A recombinant plant cell having stably incorporated into its genome at least  
one nucleotide sequence of claim 77; wherein said nucleotide sequence is  
operably linked to a promoter that drives expression in a plant.